

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-22. (Canceled).

23. (New) A computer-implemented method in a project information management system, comprising:

placing a first line on an electronic drawing sheet, the first line representing a first time interval and including a first set of project events;

receiving an indication of a selection of a portion of the first line that represents a second time interval within the first time interval;

placing a second line on the electronic drawing sheet corresponding to the second time interval, the second line representing an expanded view of the second time interval and including a second set of project events corresponding to the first set of project events;

detecting a modification of a project event of the first set that is within the second time interval; and

automatically updating the second set of project events in the second line to conform to the updated project event of the first set.

24. (New) The method of Claim 23 further comprising adding at least one project events to the second line without modifying the selected portion of the first line.

25. (New) The method of Claim 23 wherein placing a first line on an electronic drawing sheet includes dragging a first shape from a stencil to the electronic drawing sheet with a pointing device.

26. (New) The method of Claim 23 wherein the first set of chronological sequence of project events includes events selected from the group consisting of project milestones, project time intervals, date markers, and task descriptions.

27. (New) The method of Claim 23 wherein selecting a portion of the first line to expand the selected portion includes dragging and dropping an icon over the selected portion of the first line.

28. (New) The method of Claim 23 further comprising placing an icon on the selected portion of the first line and connecting the second line to the portion of the first line.

29. (New) The method of Claim 23 wherein the selected portion of the first line has a first length and the second line has a second length greater than the first length.

30. (New) The method of Claim 23 wherein the portion of the first line includes a first location and a second location, and wherein placing a second line on the electronic drawing sheet includes establishing a line having a first end representing a time corresponding to the first location on the portion of the first line and a second end corresponding to the second location on the portion of the first line.

31. (New) The method of Claim 23 wherein automatically updating the second set of project events in the second line to conform to the first set of project events includes modifying the second set of project events to be the same as the first set of project events.

32. (New) A computer-implemented method in a project information management system for displaying project scheduling information, comprising:

displaying a first line having a first project event and a second line having a second project event;

dynamically-linking the second line to the first line such that the second line is associated with a portion of the first line and represents an expanded view of the associated portion of the first line;
detecting a modification of the first project event of the first line;
determining if the modification of the first project event affects the first line at the portion of the first line associated with second line; and
if the modification of the first project event affects the first line at the portion of the first line associated with second line, modifying the second project event of the second line to conform the first project event.

33. (New) The method of Claim 32 further comprising:
adding a third project event to the portion of the first line; and
adding a fourth project event corresponding to the third project event to the second line in response to adding the third project event to the first line.

34. (New) The method of Claim 32 wherein the first and second lines are horizontal lines generally parallel to each other.

35. (New) A project information management system for displaying project event information, comprising:
a drawing sheet module for placing a first line and a second line on an electronic drawing sheet, the first line representing a first time interval and including a first set of project events and the second line representing a second time interval and including a second set of project events; and
a timeline module for receiving from the drawing sheet module an indication of a selection of a portion of the first line and for dynamically-linking the second line to the selected portion of the first line, wherein the second line represents an expanded view of the associated portion of the first line, and wherein the second set of project events correspond to the first set of selected portion of

the first line such that detection of a modification of the first set of project events in the selected portion of the first line results in automatically updating the second set of project events in the second line to conform to the modified first set of project events or detection of a modification of the second set of project events results in updating the first set of project events in the first line to conform to the modified second set of project events.

36. (New) The system of Claim 35, wherein the line module is further operable to add to the second line at least one project event in addition to the second project event, wherein when the at least one project event is modified, the first time line is not modified.

37. (New) The system of Claim 36, wherein the at least one project event includes a plurality of project milestones.

38. (New) The system of Claim 35, wherein the line module is further operable to add to the portion of the first line a plurality of project milestones in addition to the first project event and automatically add the same project milestones to the second line.

39. (New) A computer-readable storage device storing a set of computer-executable instructions implementing a method for a computer-implemented method in a project information management system, comprising the steps of:

placing a first line on an electronic drawing sheet, the first line representing a first time interval and including a first set of project events;
receiving an indication of a selection of a portion of the first line that represents a second time interval within the first time interval;
placing a second line on the electronic drawing sheet corresponding to the second time interval, the second line representing an expanded view of the second time interval and including a second set of project events corresponding to the first set of project events;

detecting a modification of a project event of the first set that is within the second time interval; and

automatically updating the second set of project events in the second line to conform to the updated project event of the first set.

40. (New) The storage device of Claim 39 further comprising the step of displaying through a graphical user interface the interrelationship between the first line and the second line.

41. (New) The storage device of Claim 39 wherein the step of selecting the portion of the first line comprises selecting the portion of the first line by placing an icon onto the first line.

42. (New) The storage device of Claim 39 wherein the portion of the first line includes a first location and a second location, and wherein the step of placing a second line comprises establishing a horizontal line comprising a first end representing a time corresponding to the first location on the portion of the first line and a second end corresponding to the second location on the portion of the first line.

43. (New) The storage device of Claim 39 wherein of the portion of the first line is a first portion, the steps further comprise:

associating the second line with a second portion of the first line different than the first portion, the second portion having a third project event; and

in response, automatically removing the second project event from the second line and adding a fourth project event to the second line, the fourth project event corresponding to the third project event such that when the third project event is modified, the fourth project event is automatically modified to conform to the third project event.

44. (New) A project information management system for displaying project event information, comprising:

- a component for depicting a first line and a second line on an electronic drawing sheet, the first line representing a first time interval;
- a component for allowing user selection of a portion of the first line that represents a second time interval within the first time interval and dynamically-linking the selected portion to the second line, wherein the second line represents an expanded view of the second time interval;
- a component for allowing user addition of a first project milestone to the first line;
- a component for determining if the first project milestone is in the second time interval;
- if the first project milestone is in the second time interval, adding a second project milestone to the second line that corresponds to the first project milestone; and
- a component for allowing user addition of a third project milestone to the second line in addition to the second project milestone without adding a corresponding project milestone to the first line.